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Rules, the following recoveries are made at the beginning of the first term:—

		RS.	A.	P.
(i)	Registration fee	3	0	0
(ii)	Matriculation fee	2	0	0
(iii)	College Calendar	0	8	0
(iv)	Additional fee for library, reading room, magazine, etc.	2	0	0
(v)	Subscription of eight annas to the College Portrait Society and another eight annas towards a college scholarship, both imposed on students by themselves	1	0	0
(vi)	Cost of examination answer books (for a whole year) ...	1	0	0
(vii)	Subscription to the college stationery society	0	2	0
(viii)	Deposit with the college stationery society	15	0	0

The last-mentioned item is in the nature of a 'caution money' for the purchase of text-books and note-books from the college stationery soceity.

(*b*) Yes; wherever necessary.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government do not consider that any action is called for.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know, Sir, whether in addition to these the Principal insists upon the students buying two of his books?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No such information."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know if the Hon. Minister would call for a report on that?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"This answer itself is based upon information given to us by the Principal and there is no reason to think that he has suppressed anything."

Alleged circular of the District Educational Officer, Malabar, to the managers of all schools calling for a report about teachers and students concerned in the civil disobedience movement.

* 492 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Educational Officer, Calicut (Malabar district), has called for a report from the managers of all

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schools in Malabar about the teachers and students who took part in the civil disobedience movement; if so, why and under what circumstances has the step been taken after the lapse of so many years;

(b) whether the initiative in the matter was taken by the District Educational Officer himself or after consulting the Director of Public Instruction; if so, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the correspondence, if any; and

(c) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes; the Government understand that a communication was sent by the District Educational Officer, Malabar, to the Headmasters of Secondary and Training Schools in the district calling for cases, if any, of admissions of persons convicted of disloyal activities. This action was taken by the District Educational Officer in view of rule 99 of the Madras Educational Rules which prescribes that no pupil convicted in a court of law for disloyal activities should be admitted into a school without the previous sanction of Government.

(b) The initiative in the matter was taken by the District Educational Officer himself. There is no correspondence to place on the table of the House. The circumstances under which the District Educational Officer took action have already been explained.

(c) No action is called for.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether Government consider participation in the civil disobedience movement is tantamount to sedition or disloyolty? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" What we have said is that people who have been convicted for disloyal activities should not be admitted without the sanction of the Government. When application is made for admission Government will consider whether their subsequent conduct has been such as to deserve re-admission. They don't refuse admission altogether."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" In view of the fact that civil disobedience movement has ended long ago and now we have come to normal times, would the Hon. Minister consider that it is not advisable to continue the old spirit of bitterness even now? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I am afraid we cannot say that disloyal activities have all come to an end. 'Persons convicted of disloyal activities,' that is the wording."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask why this is the only District Educational Officer who is taking such a step and whether there are other District Educational Officers taking such steps? "

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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I hope others will follow the example of this Educational Officer."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would delegate the power of disposing of that matter to the principals of colleges or headmasters of schools whenever they get apologies, instead of wasting the time of the Government on such matters? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" This is a matter which ought to come before the Government because they alone have the information as to how they have been conducting themselves after the disloyal activities."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know why this step has been taken now and not immediately after the incident? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not know when these people made themselves particularly offensive."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will call for information as to whether anything transpired after the stoppage of the civil disobedience movement? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The question of re-admitting these boys is under consideration."

Alleged dismissal of two Secondary Grade teachers of the Government Secondary School, Calicut.

* 493 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officer, Calicut (Malabar), recently dismissed from service two secondary grade teachers from the Government Secondary School, Calicut; if so, on what grounds they were dismissed?

A.—Yes, the District Educational Officer, Malabar, recently ordered the discharge from the Government Training School, Calicut, of two students who had been admitted into the school in July, on his discovering that they had both been convicted in connexion with the civil disobedience movement in 1932.

The District Educational Officer ordered their discharge from the school because the sanction of Government had not been obtained for their admission which under rule 99 of the Madras Educational Rules is required before persons convicted in a court of law for disloyal activities are admitted into a Government school.

Changes in the curriculum of the S.S.L.C. examination.

* 494 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras S.S.L.C. Scheme of 1929 was changed in July 1934 in response to widespread complaints against the scheme,